

Buy a Liberty Bond and Back Up the Boys at the Front, Who Are Fighting for Your Honor, Your Home and Your Country

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE THEIR RESISTANCE

To the German Forces Which Now Possess the Greater Portion of the Island of Oesel

GERMAN WARSHIPS UNABLE TO GIVE GREAT AID

The Russians Have Sunk Two German Torpedo Boats and Damaged Two Others—Russian Warships are Reserved to Close Pathway Through the Gulf of Finland Up to Petrograd—The Troops of the Entente Allies are Still Keeping to Their Trenches in Flanders—Little Activity is Reported From Other Fronts.

Apparently there has been no cessation in the hurried program of the Germans to seize in its entirety the Russian island of Oesel at the head of the Gulf of Finland. But although their troops have now taken the greater portion of the island, the aid they had expected from their fleet in cutting down Russian opposition in adjacent waters is meeting with considerable resistance from the Russian warships.

The Russians are disinclined to throw their naval vessels into a general engagement with the invaders, fearing that the superiority of the Germans would result in losses to them which would leave open the pathway through the Gulf of Finland up to Petrograd. But in a small battle with torpedo craft and possibly light cruisers the Russians have sunk two German torpedo boats and damaged two others in Soela sound to the north of Oesel Island, while the Russians themselves lost a torpedo boat destroyer. The Germans, who were accompanied by a battleship, put to sea after the engagement.

The German land forces now are driving hard against the Svorob peninsula, on the southwestern portion of the island of Oesel, with the object of capturing the batteries at Serel, which dominate the eastern entrance to the Gulf of Riga. According to the Berlin war office, the Russians in this region are isolated, but are desperately resisting. Berlin reports also that Abro Island, off the southern coast of Oesel, and Runo Island, in the middle of the Gulf of Riga, have been occupied by about 2,000 prisoners, 30 guns, 21 machine guns and several airplanes were captured by the Germans in Oesel.

EASTERN STATES FACE A SUGAR SHORTAGE.

People Appealed To to Cut Down Consumption of Candy.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The eastern states face a sugar shortage, with no prospect of relief before late in November, when the new Hawaiian and western beet crops arrive. In a statement tonight the federal sugar administrator again appealed to the American people to cut down their consumption of candy and sweet drinks and to the retailers to reduce the size of the packages of candy and the unusual quantities of sugar in order that the French people may have their meager ration of one pound of sugar per person per month.

MILITANTS A "LITTLE BAND OF WILFUL WOMEN"

White House Pickets so Called by Mrs. Swinburne Hale.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 16.—Mrs. Swinburne Hale (Beatrice Forbes Robertson) of New York, spoke in behalf of woman suffrage at the City club here today. She said that the world is to be made safe for democracy. America could not consistently deny the ballot to women.

Mrs. Hale referred to the suffragists who are picketing the White House as "a little band of wilful women" who should not be considered as representatives of the suffrage organization.

Mrs. Hale is the niece of Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, the English actor.

CITY CONVENTIONS HELD IN BRIDGEPORT.

Democratic Platform Calls for Municipal Ownership of Trolley Lines.

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 16.—Republicans and democrats tonight at city conventions named full city tickets for the election on Nov. 6. The republicans renominated the entire republican ticket headed by Mayor Clifford B. Wilson. The democrats nominated George E. Crawford for mayor on the first ballot, the vote being 38 to 22. The democratic platform declares for municipal ownership of the trolley lines in order to defeat a continuance of the six-cent fare.

HARD COAL OPERATORS PLEDGE THEIR SUPPORT

To the Government in Solving the Coal Problem.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Anthracite coal operators, representing most of the country's hard coal output at a conference with the fuel administration today, pledged full support to the government in solving the coal problem. They agreed to name a representative to act as an assistant to the administration and a committee to represent the industry in all government dealings.

Cabled Paragraphs

Germany to Expand War Zones.
London, Oct. 16.—According to news from Berlin in an undated despatch received by the admiralty by Wireless Press, Germany is expected shortly to declare the coasts of the United States, Canada and Cuba war zones.

GOVERNOR ISSUES LIBERTY LOAN PROCLAMATION

Urges Every Man and Woman in the State to Subscribe.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 16.—Fuller co-operation by the people of Connecticut in an effort to make the second Liberty loan a complete success is urged by Governor Marcus H. Holcomb in a proclamation issued today, in consequence of President Wilson naming of Wednesday, October 16, as Liberty Day. The proclamation reads:

State of Connecticut.
By His Excellency,
Marcus H. Holcomb, Governor.

A Proclamation.

Whereas the president has proclaimed Wednesday, October 24th, as Liberty Loan Day and has made the afternoon a legal holiday for all federal employees and has urged that the people of the United States be spared to enable them to participate in making the day a success:

I, therefore, urge the fullest co-operation by all our people, and suggest that so far as is practicable, the afternoon of that day be devoted to a united effort to make the second Liberty loan a complete success. Every one in the state, man and woman, should welcome and embrace this opportunity to subscribe to this loan, thereby demonstrating their interest in their country and their interest in our soldiers who are fighting our battles. Our state has ever responded to any demands made upon it to support our country, and will adequately respond to the present call. This is an opportunity for every person to do his bit. I urge not only upon the large subscriptions of a few but let every one subscribe for some part of the total. The Liberty Loan is the seal of the state at the capitol, in Hartford, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-second.

MARCUS H. HOLCOMB, Governor.

By His Excellency's command,
FREDERICK L. PERRY, Secretary.

LIBERTY BOND SALES NOW EXCEED \$1,000,000,000

Encouraging Reports Wired From All Parts of the Country.

Washington, Oct. 16.—With fourteen working days gone and only ten more to come, Liberty bond sales were believed by treasury officials tonight to have just touched the \$1,000,000,000 mark, a result which has led them to wonder if the \$2,000,000,000 hoped for the end of the year is attainable.

"Committees in almost every part of the country still wire encouragingly to the treasury, making their maximum totals," says a treasury department statement. "Possibly they can, but either they are concealing their actual sales, or there must be a most unexpected spurt in the offering."

Certainly there is little about the sales thus far to warrant great confidence that the \$2,000,000,000 mark will be reached."

Official figures, representing actual sales, reported tonight to the treasury department as of the close of business yesterday, place the total of \$328,230,000, a little more than half the \$1,000,000,000 believed to have been subscribed. These figures do not include the result of the two-day canvass made by 60,000 workers in the Minneapolis district and place the amounts in other districts far below the sums reported unofficially. The totals follow: Boston \$68,300,000; New York \$307,707,000; Philadelphia \$13,441,500; Cleveland \$2,090,000; Richmond \$24,650,000; Atlanta \$7,400,000; Chicago \$56,145,000; St. Louis \$4,351,800; Kansas City \$2,023,000; Dallas \$4,450,300; San Francisco \$31,554,950; Minneapolis no report.

MORE LIBERTY BONDS TO BE TAKEN BY STATE

Treasurer Chamberlain Will Invest \$750,000 in Second Loan.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 16.—State Treasurer Frederick S. Chamberlain will purchase for the state Liberty bonds to the amount of \$750,000.

Mr. Chamberlain said today that the state held a little over \$1,500,000 of the previous issue of the bonds and that he would exchange them for new per cent. bonds. The state will thus own government bonds to the amount of \$2,250,000.

Under the law passed at the recent sessions of the general assembly the state treasurer has power to invest money in bonds of municipalities and United States bonds and apply the interest to the building up of the state sinking fund to take care of state bonds on their maturity.

FURTHER LOANS TO THE ALLIED NATIONS

Brings Total Credits of the United States Up to \$2,711,400,000.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Loans of \$50,000,000 to Russia, \$25,000,000 to Great Britain, \$10,000,000 to France and \$2,000,000 to Belgium made today brought the total credits of the United States to allied nations up to \$2,711,400,000.

OBITUARY.

Linus Birdsey.

Meriden, Conn., Oct. 16.—Linus Birdsey, at one time a prominent democratic politician, died here this evening at the age of over 92 years. Up to his 80th year, when he lost the use of his lower limbs through paralysis, he had never missed a Sunday in attending service and Sabbath school at the First Baptist church. He served terms as sheriff and postmaster and in his younger days was quite active in business circles here.

Wesley M. Owen.

Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 16.—Wesley M. Owen, aged 48, who was an associate justice in the Panama Canal zone during the second administration of President Roosevelt died suddenly, at his home here, today.

World of Trade After the War

PICTURED TO SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

BY SECRETARY REDFIELD

Says Germany is No Longer the World's Source of Potash, Dyestuffs, Optical Glass or Chemical Porcelain.

New York, Oct. 16.—What a difference a year will make! After the war was pictured to the Southern Commercial Congress here tonight by Secretary Redfield, in an address telling of the future of the world's commerce, Germany's foreign commerce by her own act, and of the awakening of America and her allies to the danger of having their commerce threatened upon foreign and possibly upon unfriendly sources of supply.

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"It will hardly be said again to the United States that the German dyestuff industry will not permit the establishment of an American dyestuff industry. The monopoly of which German foreign commerce in large part seemed to rest secure have passed away. Our friends beyond the sea and we ourselves have learned the danger of having our industries wholly dependent on foreign sources of supply which may become unfriendly.

A German Delusion.

"It is pitiful to read extracts from the German press which seem to show that they expect to take up the task of building their commerce from where they left it. They reckon the world's demand for potash as a purely German asset. It was so but it is no longer. They were the world's source for dyestuffs. That opportunity has gone. It was they to whom the world looked for optical glass. We do not look there now. They were the source of supply for chemical porcelain. We make it today as well as they.

"I need not tell you of the commercial value of what we call 'good will' or point to the advantage of doing business as a going concern." The speaker said that the world has been and are to be found among the nations who have parted company with Germany in the present struggle. Her people have been found among them. The peoples of those lands are not likely by one common impulse to turn quickly to Germany for a renewal of the commercial intercourse which was broken by her act.

Will See Things Differently.

"It must be renewed under circumstances of peculiar hardship. As it will be a strange world upon which the Germans will be expected to rise when war will close, so let me add, it will be in a large measure a strange world upon which the American merchant will look out. When embargoes are over and trading with the enemy acts shall have ceased to trouble us also shall see things different. Our vision of the world will not arise from separation but the reverse. We have gained and are gaining a new understanding of the world we live in. Scarcely a day goes by when we do not see things differently.

Things Cannot Be as They Were.

"When our sons have fought and died together with those of Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and our other honored friends, things cannot be as they were. Each nation must be as the other better than he did. Old lines of separation have been broken. We should have learned to commerce, this means that we understand other peoples and their needs better and know better what we may do to supply industrial and domestic needs. We are reaching out into all the lands. We are in the family whether we will or no, and in my earnest belief we shall live richly from the family intercourse.

If we were those who look upon the peaceful contests of commerce as a normal commercial intercourse, we could speak with freedom in this presence of the coming days when normal commercial intercourse will be replaced by restricted conditions, for we recognize as a matter of course, as an opportunity to see and upon which they are right, that the nations associated with us in this war are preparing for their own share of the world's business when the war shall close.

"Believing as we do, however, that commerce is not war but mutual interest, we should not look without fear and with strong approval upon every effort of our friends to renew commercial and industrial activities in the happier days that are coming."

JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY IN WASHINGTON

To Make a Study of United States Congress Methods.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The Japanese parliamentary party of five delegates from the Japanese diet, headed by Dr. T. Masano, arrived in Washington today on a charge of study of the United States congress methods and also to ascertain the state of public feeling in America concerning questions in which Japan is deeply interested.

President Wilson will receive the mission tomorrow and they will call on Secretary Lansing.

Another delegation, representing the Imperial Japanese railways, which has come to study American transportation methods and conditions, will arrive in New York Oct. 21.

Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce is arranging for the entertainment of the railway mission which will be received formally by the state department.

Mexican Bandits Driven Off.

Mission, Tex., Oct. 16.—Five Mexican bandits early this morning attacked the Mexican village of Graneros, six miles southeast of Mission. Armed citizens drove them away. There were no known casualties.

Congressmen to Visit War Fronts

TEN MEMBERS GOING IN AN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY

OTHERS ARE TO FOLLOW

Will Visit England, Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland—Carry Letters of Introduction to Gen. Pershing.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Ten members of congress, traveling in an unofficial capacity, but carrying Ambassadors' passports arranged for by the state department, are on the way to Europe to visit the war fronts and to confer with the parliamentary representatives of the allies. In the party are Representatives Dale, Vermont; Ayer and Timberlake, Colorado; Hicker, New York; Johnson, Dill and Miller of Washington; Goodwin, Arkansas; Stephens, Nebraska, and Parker, New Jersey; former Representative Stout of Montana and Ross L. Hammond, a Fremont, Neb., editor, and others.

Arranged Trip Informally.

The visit is a development of the recent cabinet decision inviting a representative of the British and French parliaments for closer affiliation of the parliamentary bodies of the allied governments through personal conferences at the British, French and Italian capitals. President Wilson did not favor congressional action in accepting the invitation at this time and neither house took action, but the ten members arranged their trip informally. Other representatives are expected to follow soon.

"While this is not an official mission," Representative Dale wrote his constituents in explanation of his trip, "it is certified by the secretary of war and the speaker of the house as on that goes in the interest of our government and the governments of the allied nations."

Have Letters of Introduction.

Members of the party are armed with letters of introduction to Ambassadors Sharp at Paris, to General Pershing and to others. They will visit England, Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland and hope to be back in Washington in time for the opening of congress in December.

GOULD RELINQUISHES
CONTROL OF D. & G.

The Missouri Pacific Factor is Now in Control.

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